IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Steven Sholtis et al.

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For: FEDERATED SYSTEM AND METHODS AND MECHANISMS OF IMPLEMENTING AND USING SUCH A

SYSTEM

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Examiner: Ly, Anh

Confirmation No : 4179

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing the above-identified application.

The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance identifies numerous reasons that may relate to one or more claims. However, Applicants note that the application includes independent claims, where each independent claim may recite limitations that are different from or not present in other claims. As such, the independent claims and their respective dependent claims are allowable for what they recite.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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